



THE PATMOS VISION

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Rev. 1:9-11.

"I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

I have been thinking for some time I would write on this subject as I see so many good things in this vision wh'ch John had when he was exiled. We will refer you to Rev. 1:3, "For the time is at hand." We can see the mighty hand of God in preserving the beloved John for the purpose of bringing a great message to the world. John, like all the rest of the apostles, would have been put to death if it had not been that God delivered him.

At the time of the vision, and many years after, there was but one church and that was the one of which Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." So all these churches mentioned in his vision were the Church of God

at the different places and there were some conditions existing in these churches that God wanted to warn them of. We are not going to get by with anything short of the old original faith which was once delivered to the saints, even though we are the Church of God, we must hew to the line, for "judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet," saith Isa. 28:17.

Also Peter tells us in his first Epistle 4:17 that judgment must first begin at the house of God, and Paul tells us that the house of God is the Church of God. 1 T'm. 3:15. Again we hear God say thru Isaiah, "Cry loud and spare not. Lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Dear people, it behooves us to take warning and not settle down and bring upon ourselves condemnation by letting some of the same conditions exist with us as did in the churches named in the text. It might be easy for us to commend ourselves sometimes because we bear the name Church of God. A preacher preaching on the shipwreck of Paul and comparing the ship to the Church of God, emphasized very much the place where Paul said, "Except ye abide in the ship ye cannot be saved," making it sound like the virtue was in the ship or Church of God, but, notice here in the 15th

Psalms David said, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" The answer is, "He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart." Note these terms, WALK-ETH, WORKETH, and SPEAK-ETH, also note the rest of this chapter which denotes a continuation of walking, working, and speaking, or in other words, just keep on keeping on. Notice too, the Lord did not commend the Philadelphian church just because they had not denied His name, but He said, "I know thy WORKS." They had kept His WORD, and had not denied His NAME.

We will now take up the churches in order as John was commanded to write unto them, believing that these seven churches represent seven different ages or seven different times that these conditions would exist. These seven times cover a space of time from the vision, A. D. 96, to the end.

First, the church at Ephesus, Rev. 2:1-7. We will not quote the Scripture in full but will try to condense our thoughts as much as possible. We notice that the Lord was commending the church at Ephesus for their work, patience, etc. God honors what we do, but His Word also reproves us for what we do not do. He said to them, "I have somewhat against you," and He didn't hesitate to tell them just what it was. It was that they had left their first love. No doubt they were faithful in many things but they were lacking in one thing and that was love. Probably they had,

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NOTICES

We are going to have home coming day the fifth Sunday in April, 29th, at Gaffney, S. C. We invite all neighboring churches to be with us. We are expecting a feast with the Lord. Come and enjoy it. — C. W. Dempsey, pastor of the Church of God, Gaffney, S. C.

The Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia convention will convene at Easton, Md., May 9-13 inclusive. Rooms and meals free for all ministers and singers; rooms free for all visitors, and meals at reasonable rates at lunch stand. S. W. Latimer, General Overseer; J. H. Walker, Supt. of Bible School; male quartet from Cleveland, Tenn. will be with us; also other prominent ministers and singers from other states will be present. Everybody welcome. Come and enjoy the feast. I earnestly request that all the ministers be present.—F. B. Marine, overseer.

I want all the churches in the Hazelhurst district to come together at Hazelhurst on the fifth Sunday for a home coming. The churches in this district are as follows: West Green, Moore's Chapel, Bridgeford, Baxley, and Hazelhurst. We want all the preachers and their flocks to come prayed up, packed up, paid up, and ready to go up. Everybody bring a basket well filled with good things to eat. We invite other ministers to come and be with us. We want to start services at 10:00 a. m. and stay the rest of the day. We will expect all in the district to attend. Those of you who have not paid your 40c on the Church's indebtedness, let's try to have it by then. Be praying for a good time.—Lovingly, J. B. Weeks, district overseer.

I have a Scofield Reference Bible and another Reference Bible which are soiled some and I will sell at half price, \$1.50 each, postpaid. If interested, write Lee Swinford, Rt. 2, Hazel Green, Ala.

Brother Earl Brewer and family came here and began a revival March 25 which ran three weeks. Eleven received the Holy Ghost and about eighteen were saved. The revival spirit is still manifested. One was saved Saturday night and one sanctified Sunday, April

15. Pray for us here at Boaz, Ala. —J. A. Brown.

As quite a number of the members here at Brownfield have moved away we take this method of notifying every one whose membership is here to please send in your forty cents on the General Indebtedness Drive and your thirty-five cents on the Texas state camp ground drive as early as possible as we want to go over the top in these drives by the time our district convention convenes which will be June 22-24, D. V. If Brother L. C. Pennington sees this please write me as I want to get in touch with you at once.—Yours in the Master's service, Reuben H. Martin, district overseer, Rt. 3, Brownfield, Tex.

To all the members of the Church of God in the Monroe, Va. district: This includes the following churches; Monroe, Lynchburg, Deerfield, and Alexandria. The General Assembly passed a rule last Assembly that each member of the Church of God was assessed 40c to pay off the General Indebtedness of the Church of God. Now I want to ask each and every member of the above named churches who have not paid your assessment to please do so as soon as possible as we want to be loyal to the Church of God in everything. I also want to call your attention to missions. The Assembly has ruled that each church raise an amount equal to five per cent of the tithes paid into the church at your respective places. Please see that this ruling is complied with and that one-half of the missions be sent to the General Secretary and Treasurer and the other half sent to Howard D. Statum, Monroe, Va., state mission treasurer.—Your humble servant, Howard D. Statum, district overseer, Box 4, Monroe, Va.

To the churches, ministers and laity in the state of Texas: The Crockett district convention will convene at Crockett, Tex., May 11-13. Churches in this district are Lone Oak, Shiloah, Wesleys Chapel, and Trinity. The Overton district convention will convene at Overton church, Selmon City, Tex. May 18-20. Churches in this district are Overton, Lanes Chapel, and Wills Point. Everybody is cordially invited to come and enjoy the good feast from the Lord.

Free entertainment.—J. C. Coats, state overseer.

The Pulaski district convention will convene at Pulaski, May 18-20 at the Pulaski church on Lee St. We are expecting a great time. Come and enjoy the feast. We are expecting the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be present throughout the convention. Many workers from other fields, the Denson Trio, the Bible School Quartet, Radford and Pulaski string band, and the Superintendent of Education, Bro. Walker, are expected. There will be free entertainment for the ministers and workers. All who can pray the prayer of faith, pray for this to be a heavenly feast.—Your brother, W. B. Davis.

The Church of God at McMinnville, Tenn. will have a home coming Sunday, May 13. We will also have a Mother's Day program. We would like to see all members present, with well filled baskets. We also invite our neighboring churches. Come. All are welcome.—T. A. Richard, pastor.

The district convention for Arkansas will convene as follows: Marked Tree district, Marked Tree, April 27-29; West Helena district, West Helena, May 11-13; Forrest City district, Pleasant Hill church, Cherry Valley, Rt. 2, May 18-20; Baldknob district, Velvet Ridge church, Baldknob, May 25-27. District pastors are as follows: Marked Tree district, J. A. McCullar; West Helena district, J. B. Lindley; Forrest City district, A. R. Willingham; Baldknob district, C. E. Banks. All clerks and ministers are expected to attend the convention in your district. Everybody will be given a hearty welcome. District pastors, please see that your pastors have their clerks to make a report of the work of their church and help us make these conventions a success. We invite the neighboring churches to come and let's have a great time with the Lord. The Leachville convention will be announced later. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."—L. G. Rouse, overseer of Arkansas.

There will be a home coming for the Church of God at Black Oak, Tenn., May 20, the third Sunday in May, and we want all members of that church to be present (Continued on page 14)



The Beautiful Church

Ida McCoy

I feel that it is God's will for me to write out of the fulness of my heart a few things that are necessary for the work in general, collectively as well as individually. Since returning from the great 1933 Annual Assembly of the Church of God, I have been getting a clearer vision of the beautiful Church of God and humbling myself and asking God daily to help me to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only.

Now the beautiful Church is like a wonderful manufacturing plant. When she is functioning, or in active labor, as she should be daily, with Father, Son and Holy Ghost in charge, her capacity is beyond human words or thoughts. All that are turned out of this great plant will measure up to 1 Cor. 13. They have the Spirit stamped upon them. They have made straight their paths according to Matt. 3, have borne the fruit as in Matt. 3:8, have been justified by faith and have peace with God as in Rom. 5:1, and have been enrolled in the book of life, Rev. 21:27. Then they are carried thru various processes of testings and trials and loneliness, the valley of the shadow of death, and the garden of Gethsemane. Oh, how hard to say, Thy will be done. Sometimes the struggle is almost more than we can bear but then there comes an angel of mercy and strengthens us. (I have this year gone thru Gethsemane with the suffering and death of my precious Eunice.) Then we can say we have been made to drink of the same cup He (Jesus) drank of in Matt. 20:23.

After we drink of the bitter cup in Gethsemane then we can truly

say we are His disciples. We can say with a shout that we have been made one in Christ as John 17:21 says, we can feel the refining process. Oh glory! as we come to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, we are sanctified by the blood. We go to the cross with Him and are crucified, killed out to self and selfish interest as Rom. 6:6. As we go thru these tests some fall out, some faint and give in, some pass off with the chaff, those that endure go thru, get on the whole armor of God and are able to stand. Eph. 6:11.

Now that we have on the whole panoply, if we have tarried for the Comforter as in Acts 2:4, then we are heirs with Christ; if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Rom. 8:17. Then truly we are His and live and move in Him. We are ready to be co-workers with Him in this great manufacturing plant, the Church of God, owned by the Father, the Builder and Creator, purchased by the Son with His own blood, and operated by the Holy Ghost, the third person in the Godhead or Trinity. When the product is finished it can stand before the Great Judge blameless. The Church of God is the only one who can stand the tests and put out such refined, purified, tried and made white products, the Church of God in reality, not in name only, a doer and not a hearer only. Dear reader, are you helping in this great work? Are you getting under the cross? Come, let's do more; let's be faithful in all things.

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6,000,000 conversions have taken place during the pontificate of Pius XI. In the same period the native clergy have increased from 2,670 to 5,000, and there are 1,600 natives studying for the priesthood.

For the missionary work of the Church of Rome is enormous. It is reported that 163,615 workers — 46,174 priests, brothers and sisters and 117,441 lay auxiliaries, catechists, teachers, doctors, nurses, etc. — constitute the force of Roman Catholic missions for which the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, the main mission-aid organization of the Church, is responsible. The vast missionary work throughout the world includes 45,826 churches and chapels; 309 seminaries with 9,971 students; 31,418 schools with 1,521,710 pupils; 691 hospitals with 283,503 patients a year; 1,848 dispensaries with 11,066,749 patients a year; 1,525 orphanages with 81-240 orphans; 299 homes for the aged with 11,332 inmates; 81 leper asylums with 14,060 lepers; 134 other philanthropic institutions with 9,966 inmates.

Individual countries present striking facts. In 1884 Indian Catholics numbered 1,500,000; today they number 6,300,000; and of the 6,000 priests and 5,000 nuns, the majority are Indians. There are nine Chinese bishops, 1,371 Chinese priests, more than 5,000 Chinese nuns, and approximately 4,000 Chinese young men preparing for the priesthood.

The Vatican has a most powerful foothold in the United States. There are 12,537 churches with resident priests and 5,723 missions. The clergy totals 29,782, which includes sixteen archbishops and cardinals, 102 bishops, 21,016 secular priests and 8,766 priests of religious orders. There are 7,462 parochial schools enrolling 2,170-102 pupils and 1,998 institutions for higher education enrolling 179-345 students."—The Dawn.

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EVANGEL DRIVE

We are still on the upgrade in securing subscriptions to the Evangel. For now several months the subscription list has been generally increasing and we appreciate your efforts and co-operation. Still we feel there is much ground to be possessed and this drive should broaden in each local church so that every subscription possible (Continued on page 7)

Notes from The Editor

There are two definite ways for a church to apostatize, the one way most common is world conformity through sinfulness. The second and equally dangerous way, is loss of spiritual life and power through observance of a creed.

Mystery Babylon

It is particularly significant from the dramatic portraiture of Rev. 17th chapter, that some form of religious practice and instruction continues down to the last half of the week of the tribulation. What is it? Certainly not Protestantism, for the true church will have been raptured at the beginning of the week. See Rev. chapters four and five. But that it is some form of religious influence that has dominated the kings of the earth, is evidenced by the present state of the text. However, that it is apostate is lucidly clear, in view of the fact, that in its existing form it is "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS;" and with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, VV. 2 and 5. Can it be aught but the Catholic Church, which is indeed not the true church as is evidenced by it being left after the rapture has taken place? There has not arisen, another power in the guise and form of religion that will fill the latitude as is here mentioned. What other supposedly religious body will be strong enough after the rapture to dominate the beast for the first half of the week? What other religious movement has sat upon the "seven mountains" or heads of world dominion, having reigned over

"peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" and remains to be destroyed by the Antichrist and the ten federated kings of his dominion? Yet if we take this view, we must include with her all other forms of apostate, or idolatrous worship, since the Catholic church did not exist during at least five of the former world wide kingdoms; but would they not all be classed as fornicators against the true worship of Jehovah? See 2 Chron. 21:11; Isa. 23:17; Ezk. 16:22-59; Jer. 2 and 3 chapters.

Catholicism on Increase

Some take the view that catholicism is on the decline, such an idea is entirely erroneous if we are to take current reports, and especially as reported by D. M. Panton writing in the Dawn, which is as follows:

"The Roman Church, to begin with, is seated on 297,762,524 of mankind, as against the 132,969,616 of the Protestant Churches, and the 127,295,825 of the Eastern Church. Thirty years ago the Roman priests throughout the world numbered 230,000; today there are (Universe, Nov. 11, 1932) 321,000 priests. "It is probably the fact," says the Universe (Dec. 30, 1932), "that the Church has made more material progress in Great Britain in this year of economic catastrophes than in any year since the Reformation. And the same is true of several European countries, notably France, Italy and Germany." During a missionary conference at Padua, held in October, 1932, it was announced that about

Past, Present, and Future

Now comes the news that seventy-five years hence half the people in the United States will be crazy. This conclusion is based on the rate of increase of insanity over a given period of time. Experts grade out their cases; dementia praecox, paranoia, manic-depressive psychoses, alcoholic psychoses, neurosyphilis, etc. Whatever high sounding name may be affixed to a case of insanity there is one chief root that supports all of the branches—degeneration. "The sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." A certain well known evangelist has said that some babies are damned into the world—born of sinning, whiskey soaked or dope benumbed parents they don't have a chance. Sins of the flesh are the biggest contributing factor in causing insanity.

Says a reputable national magazine, "A person fifteen years of age residing in New York state has almost one in twenty chances of being confined to an insane asylum before he dies. If he is so confined the average length of institutional life will be seven years, and during that time he will cost the state upward to \$25,000. In Massachusetts nineteen cents of every state tax dollar is spent on the care of the mentally deranged. In 1931 New York spent \$47,000,000 on its 73,000 insane patients—an increase of 350 per cent in expenditure during the last decade. In the same decade mental disease nearly doubled in frequency in eighteen states. If present rates of increase continue for the next three quarters of a century, half of the population of the United States will be in insane asylums and the other half will labor solely to support them."

The brain is a very delicate part of man's physical organism. The Creator protected it from outside harm by enclosing it in a hard bony case. Derangement seldom results from outside causes. It is when men sow to the flesh by sinning against their bodies that this delicate organ is affected with the loss of the faculty of reason—the crowning gift which God bestowed upon created man. A body saturated with such poisons as nicotine,

alcohol, morphine, asparin, caffeine or some other of the poisons in habitual use by modern society, is bound to break down soon or later. The various metallic compounds used as constituents or preservatives in prepared foods (for example the aluminum sulphate contained in most baking powders; the copper salts used to preserve and color pickles; benzoate of soda, etc.) are also a contributing cause in breaking down the powers of life. Many who would not sin against their bodies by using nicotine or alcohol nevertheless habitually make use of other poisons ruinous to a delicate brain and a finely organized body.

Social diseases play an increasingly great part in sending people to insane asylums. In a certain group of men examined during the war nine out of fourteen were affected with so-called private diseases. Sad to relate such diseases may be contracted by unoffending parties simply through common contact, drinking out of same cup, using same towel, etc. Syphilis, one of the most common of these diseases, is responsible for many cases of insanity. "He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." Misuse and exhaustion of physical functions through disregard of the law of continence also take its toll in the destruction of the foolish. Whatever corrupts and devitalizes the body is a sin against the body and subject to divine condemnation and penalty.

An investigator "determined to visit the leading insane hospitals of the east to study at first hand the grave social and human problem that festers unregarded behind the gates of our asylums." Led by a doctor jealously guarding a heavy bunch of keys he was first taken into the "quiet wards." "The dominant note is low tensioned apathy. Men stand silently in little groups or mutter fitfully." One pair of patients were playing a game which had gone on for months, shoving a solitary checker around a checker board. At times "a burst of silly laughter or a torrent of unexplained oaths rip the air, but for the most part silence and dejection hang over the room. This group ranges from

feeble-minded giants who 'cannot lace their own shoes' to epileptics who may be of normal intelligence until taken by a violent seizure."

In other wards are patients unable to perform even the humblest of bodily functions, "who must be cared for like a baby." One patient "lies in bed not able to even move his lips." Syphilis has completely paralyzed his nervous system. He must be fed through a tube as he cannot move his jaws. Says Mr. Robinson, in the female wards, "A chorus of wails and hysterical laughter greeted us as we entered the door, the volume of noise ascending to terrifying heights." "One patient knelt before a window, hands uplifted in maniacal prayer; another rose from her cot and with tears streaming down her cheeks begged the doctor to let her play the piano. A gaunt caricature of a woman slipped a piece of paper into my hand, it covered with senseless scrawls, but with a finger to her lips she glided away, signaling me to secrecy as she went."

A sound mind in a vigorous body is a priceless treasure. The goodness of God has endowed sinning mortals with a degree of hereditary health that is far in advance of their deserts but the trend is ever toward the exhaustion of racial purity and vitality. The patriarchs inheriting a pure blood stream had a life span of several hundred years. Today men are prone to many diseases and the average span has diminished to somewhere around fifty years.

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to some extent, settled down; their fervent zeal had become cold, they had quit going from house to house and having all things common, and their love which they had at the beginning had grown cold and they had become indifferent. This was the condition existing in the Church of God at the time of the vision.

Second, the church at Smyrna, Rev. 2:8-11. It seems that the church of Ephesus took warning from the message and returned to her first love and thereby brought great persecutions. There always have been and always will be great persecutions against the real true children of God. The Lord knew their works, tribulation and poverty. Praise God for the privilege of the poor having the gospel. Tho they were poor, He said they were rich. The message to the Smyrna church carried them warning that they would have tribulations ten days, but He told them not to fear these things but be faithful unto death and "I will give you a crown of life." The Lord promised the overcomers of this church that they should not be hurt with the second death. They might have to suffer death but if they did they would receive a crown of life and the second death would have no power over them. Now about the ten days of persecution. If this had been only ten twenty-four hour days it would not have been mentioned but we believe that to this church it was given to suffer great persecutions through the administration of ten wicked rulers, a day for each administration. This is believed to have covered a space of time from somewhere about A. D. 96 to A. D. 316.

Third, the church in Pergamos, Rev. 2:12-17. This gives us a picture of the church settled down in the world where Satan's seat is. They left their pilgrim character and went the other way. No doubt this is about the time Constantine was converted. The reproof that the message brings to this church is that they had some there who held the doctrine of Balaam which was that he taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, that is, he taught Balak to corrupt the people that

could not be cursed, by tempting them to marry women of Moab. With the church it is this union of world and church that is spiritual unchastity. Jas. 4:4. And the message told them to "repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against thee with the sword of my mouth." He has promised to the overcomers of this church that they would be given to eat of the hidden manna and would give them a white stone and in the stone a new name, etc. The promises are all to the overcomer.

Fourth, the church at Thyatira, Rev. 2:18-29. It seems that this is the condition of the church during the dark ages. The letting down and settling down in the world resulted in total or gross darkness. Even this church the Lord did not fail to commend for what they did do, but He said, "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants to commit fornication;" etc. "And I gave her space to repent of her fornication, and she repented not." So here is the penalty, "Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent." They had the doctrine of Balaamism (worldliness) and Nicolaitans. As Jezebel brought idolatry into Israel so Romanism weds Christian doctrine to pagan ceremonies. It was in the church age we believe that the Roman Catholic church was set up, probably about A. D. 325, and these conditions existed until about the sixteenth century, and remember the curse pronounced upon them that brought in this doctrine—that I will cast her into great tribulation. That doctrine still exists today but will be cast into the great tribulation.

Back to V. 24, "But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. But that which you have already, hold "fast till I come." To the overcomers there is given power over the nations, that they shall rule them with a rod of iron.

Fifth, to the church at Sardis,

Rev. 3:1-6. This brings us down to the reformation time. We believe that the Sardis age begins with the stepping out of the pilgrim fathers in search of a country where they could worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. We thank God for such men as Wesley and Luther who would dare to stand for the truth and preach justification by faith and sanctification by the blood, but the Lord said to this church, "I have not found your work perfect before me." The church did not go down all at once, neither will it come back to perfection all at once, but she is pressing toward the mark. The overcomer of this church will have the privilege of walking with the Lord for they are worthy. We believe that the Sardis church age covers a space of time from about the sixteenth century till about thirty or forty years ago when the true light of Pentecost came.

Sixth, the church at Philadelphia, Rev. 3:7-13. Seventh, the church at Laodicea, Rev. 3:14-19. We are bringing these two last churches together as it seems that both the Philadelphian and Laodicean conditions are existing today. We find that Philadelphia means brotherly love and the Laodicean church is represented by lukewarmness and indifference. There seems to be, as we might term it, an inner circle which is going on to perfection with brotherly love while there seems to be an element in the church which is satisfied with mere profession. Some one might say, Oh, the Laodicean church is the modern denominational churches, but I want to say that the message was to the Church of God. There was no other church in existence at the time the message was given. I have heard some preachers say the Church of God (organic) is the bride of Christ, and some are so radical as to say if a man is not in the Church (organic) he will not be in the rapture. I believe in the Church of God (organic) and preach it strong but remember there are going to be lots of people in the rapture, for the dead in Christ will rise first and we which are alive and remain will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air, so says Paul. We believe that the Philadelphian church is the overcomers, out of the Sardis age, who have gone on and fulfilled their work and made perfect before Him. Paul tells us

in Eph. 5 that the Lord is coming after a holy, glorious church, without spot or wrinkle and that it will be blameless. We could not say that the whole Church of God (organic) will ever be that way, but the overcomers of this Philadelphia church are the ones who are told that, "I have set before you an open door and because you have kept my word and have not denied my name, I will also deliver you from the hour of temptation." The Laodicean church is those who have a satisfied profession and become lukewarm, or in other words, they are the dregs that settle in the bottom of the cup and have to go out into the great tribulation.

Let's take invoice, dear readers, and see where we are. Are you in the Philadelphia church or the Laodicean? Let's notice the place and attitude of Christ at the close

of the church age. Rev. 3:20, 21. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Jesus is knocking at our hearts' door, wanting to come in in His fullness. The Holy Ghost is giving out messages that the Lord is calling us on to a closer walk with Him. We will conclude by quoting a part of Heb. 6:1. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection." We can do that by going back to the first love of the church. Paul said in Col. 3:14, "Love (charity) is the bond of perfectness." Amen.

blessed during the revival and is still blessing in our cottage prayer meetings. We have prayer meeting four nights a week. Brother J. L. Dorman, our district pastor, and Brother Baldree from Williston were with us. We had a real Holy Ghost service here at my home. We will be glad to see them come back. Pray for this little band that it might do what the Lord would have it do.—Your sister, Mrs. Dacia Tindale, clerk.

OAK GROVE, Ark.—Brother W. A. Sullivan has been over here with me about a week. He stayed at my home and we had a good meeting, which I enjoyed. We had baptizing Nov. 5. There surely was a large crowd. Brother Rouse was present. That night they had meeting at my home with an extra large crowd present. The power fell and the saints talked in tongues and danced, some fell under the power. The Lord blessed Brother Rouse in bringing the message. Brother Sullivan said he could not sleep for thinking of the good meeting. I believe he will do a great work here. The saints surely need feeding on the Word. The people like him. Pray that there will be a great work accomplished here. Pray for me.—Your brother in the Lord, A. S. Sisk.

DUNN, N. C.—We closed a revival near Benson, N. C., Nov. 11. The Lord blessed in the meeting. Thirteen were saved, seven sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church. Twenty-one were in the altar the last night. I ask all to pray for the people in that dark place. I am standing for a straight gospel and the Lord is giving me victory. I am in the battle for the Lord and right. Pray for me to be humble.—Your brother in Christ, A. J. Butler.

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can be secured. It is a great spiritual help to the people to have the paper and a financial help to the Publishing House to receive the money in return for the subscriptions. We are giving a good Bible for ten yearly subscriptions at the rate of \$1.00 each, and a child's Bible for five ten-weeks get-acquainted subscriptions at a rate of 25c each.

SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.—Bro. Jesse Smith from Tupelo, Miss. came and gave us a two weeks' meeting in which three were filled with the precious Holy Ghost, one saved, one reclaimed, one added to the church, three sanctified, and several baptized in water. Diphtheria broke out and other things hindered but the Lord blessed anyway. Messages were given out in tongues and interpreted. Many folks got completely healed during the meeting, the writer being one of them, thank God. Brother Smith is a wonderful man, always wearing a smile for the frowning world. The saints were deeply encouraged to press on till Jesus comes. During this meeting we had Brother T. L. Willix, our district overseer, and Brother J. O. Cochran with us. They each brought a wonderful message. We invite them back at any time. Pray that God will give us another wonderful revival here. Pray that the work will grow and much will be accomplished for the Lord this year.—A sister, Mrs. B. H. Clark, Rt. 5.

OZARK, Ky.—I praise God for Sister Thomas who labored here about three years. She worked hard and we were sorry to give her up but we feel like our new pastor, Brother Carden, is going to do his best for us. We had a wonder-

ful service Sunday night. God blessed in a great way. One was sanctified. Pray for the work here. Pray much for my husband and me that we will ever live true and humble. I am the only one in my family who believes this way. I ask all to pray that the others might see the light and walk in it. Pray earnestly that God will save my brothers.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Mae Tucker.

WALLINS CREEK, Ky.—Shortly after the Assembly Brother S. B. McCane came here to pastor the church. He found everything very discouraging. We began to pray for the Lord to help us to get our church house completed and He did. We have it ceiled and lighted and have a stove in it. We believe the Lord had a hand in sending Brother McCane here. Everybody seems to be well pleased with him. Our Sunday School has taken new courage and is doing fine. Please pray for the church here to prosper and grow this assembly year. —Blaine Adams.

OTTER CREEK, Fla.—The Lord sent Brother L. J. Key this way about Oct. 12th and he conducted a revival sixteen days. One was saved, one sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. The Lord surely



In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

J. H. INGRAM, E. W. WILLIAMS, Mission Editors

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

VICTORY OVER SIN AND THE DEVIL

I am writing a few words of praise concerning the work here at West Devon, P.E.I. After fighting the devil all winter we came out victorious this spring. Praise His blessed name! We had the hardest winter I ever experienced in my life. We had over ten feet of snow on the level and it was thirty-eight degrees below zero a lot of the time, but only a few times the snow storms kept us from having service. We just told the saints to hold on to God's unchanging hand, that He would take us through, so on April 1st Brother Beard set a church in order with fifteen members, eight brothers and seven sisters, all on fire for God. Several are to come in who couldn't get there. The Lord certainly did set His approval on it. Eight or ten would be rejoicing under the power at one time. It was joy unspeakable and full of glory. We are looking forward for a mighty revival as soon as workers can get over, so wake up workers, it's not so bad here in summer as in winter. We would like for some workers who have musical instruments and can play. It seems this helps out in a revival. Please pray that our little band of saints will continue to grow and we will do the will of the Father.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. E. Beard.

MISSIONS

With increased responsibilities in the mission fields it makes it necessary for us to insist on a greater effort being put forth in raising funds to support the mission work. There have been some increases made incident to the work in different fields since the General Assembly. This calls for an increase in disbursement of mission funds. Let us do our best this year. Our funds have increased some but not sufficient to meet the crying needs of the laborers in the constituency in which they serve.

We are making progress in Old Mexico and Jamaica, also in Haiti. Brother Latimer, General Overseer, just returned from the annual con-

vention of the churches in the Bahama Islands and reports a most wonderful and blessed convention there.

They have purchased property and buildings there for permanent headquarters for convention work and for a residence for the overseer of these islands. This calls for a considerable outlay of finance which the Mission Board has promised to help supply. We had some liberal donations on this work and there may be others who would like to donate something toward improvement of the headquarters there. If so, send donations to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary, or E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

The Mission Board has also authorized a trip of J. H. Ingram into Central America incident to opening up work in that province. Your prayers and greenback are needed. Do not disappoint us in our efforts to broaden out in the mission field and God will not disappoint you when it comes time to reward His servants.

Startling Facts

World population is increasing at a rate that is hard to conceive, says Presbyterian of the South. The International Statistics Institute at The Hague announces that it is now 2,000,000,000. This is an increase of 400,000,000 in the past two years. In round numbers, Asia has a population of 950,000,000; Europe, 550,000,000; the Americas, 230,000,000; Africa, 150,000,000; and Australia, 7,000,000.

"These figures are beyond the comprehension of most minds, but there are three facts that ought to stare every Christian in the face, and burn themselves into every Christian's heart. One of these is that about three-fourths of this immense mass of human beings are absolute heathen, having no knowledge of the Savior of sinners. Another fact is that the vast majority of this increase of population is among the heathen nations. The third fact is that Christian people are falling down on the job of carrying out the command

of their Savior and Master, to make disciples of all nations. * * * Indeed, the increase of the heathen population in two years is greater than the membership of all the Christian churches of the world." —The Alliance Weekly.

GREENVILLE DIST. CONVENTION

Hurrah for a record breaking convention. The Greenville district convention convened at Greenville, S. C., March 9-11. After a song service in which we were favored with many special numbers, we had a sermonette program. Nine ministers spoke, these being Brothers Tharp, Tollison, Cox and Barnes, Sister Hanvey, Brothers Hanvey, Sprouse, Hannar, and Heaton. Brother Bright brought the message and a reconsecration service followed.

Saturday morning after a devotional service many different business phases of the work were dealt with. It is gratifying to know that each church is moving along with its obligations. We were favored with two songs by Brothers Tharp, Whittington, Hall, and Moore. Brother Whittington brought to us a soul stirring message. Following this Brother Ashley played and sang. The first speaker of the evening was Brother Carl Cox. Brother Sprouse was the last speaker of the evening. An altar call was made.

Sunday morning Brother Tharp's message was wonderful. Brother Whittington stated that "Tharp didn't deliver that message, that was given by the Holy Ghost." Forty-five minutes were spent in Sunday School then Sister Hanvey gave a soul stirring message. Next came Brother O. H. Tollison with a wonderful discussion. Brother Whittington brought a stirring message at twelve o'clock. In the afternoon the pastors gave their reports which created much interest. Brother J. A. Hanvey brought the message at three-thirty. At four-thirty closed the greatest district convention ever held in South Carolina. I express the sentiment of the laity and clergy of the Church of God in South Carolina when I say, "Long live our dear Brother Whittington and just that long may he be our overseer."—Jonothan D. Bright, Tigerville, S.C.



GOD WILL REWARD THE CHEERFUL GIVERS

Dear Brother Walker:

Hearing of the destruction of the Bible School dormitory and hoping to be the first to contribute toward a new one, we, the Church of God Y. P. E. of Greenville, S.C., put on a special program last Saturday night in interest of the school. There were two ex-students; namely, Miss Mildred Tharp and Brother Elmo Harmon, who informed us of the school's daily routine, its benefits, pleasures, and of its needs.

After revealing the needs of the school to us Brother Harmon took up an offering of sixteen dollars, but this did not seem to please our energetic, young president, Mr. Mendal Moore, who suggested that enough be taken from the treasury to make it twenty-five dollars. Left up to the Y. P. E. the members voted, yea, and nine dollars were taken from the Y. P. E. treasury, making the total offering twenty-five dollars, which we prayerfully send hoping it will be a great benefit toward the erection of a new Church of God Bible School dormitory.—Sincerely yours, Newby Thompson, 87 Deering St., Greenville, S. C.

THIRD SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

"A"

Blackwell, Mildred; Best, Carminetta; Branson, Bessie; Carson, Madge; Cross, James; Dixon, Lois; Dixon, Eva; Holt, Martha; Holt, Ruth; Miller, Pearl; Mitchell, Horatio; Morse, Maudelle; Patton, G.G.; Perkins, Vance; Perkins, Addie; Raney, W. E.; Ricker, Omie; Ralph, Elsie; Sharp, Rachel; Tapley, E. M.; Tioaquen, Aurelio; Torgerson, Dorothy; Williams, Ralph.

"A" HONOR ROLL FOR LAST SIX WEEKS

Beckton, James; Best, Carminetta; Branson, Bessie; Carson, Madge; Cross, James; Dixon, Lois; Dixon, Eva; Gardner, A. J.; Hix, Grace; Holt, Martha; Holt, Ruth; Knox, Irving; Mitchell, Horatio; Murphree, Mildred; Morse, Maudelle; Perkins, Vance; Perkins, Addie; Ralph, Elsie; Raney, W. E.; Russell, Lessie; Sharp, Rachel; Tapley, E. M.; Torgerson, Dorothy; Whittington, Eva Mae; Williams, Ralph.

REPORT OF Y. P. E.

Feb. 25, 1934 to Apr. 3, 1934

Chattanooga, Tenn. \$2.92; Waycross, Ga. 25c; Adamsville, Ala. \$1.00; Lanett, Ala. \$1.54; Big Spring, Tex. 75c; Graham, Tex. 27c; Ranger, Tex. \$1.00; Ft. Worth, Tex. \$1.00; Big Springs, Tex. 75c; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. \$2.00; Big Timber and Lewistown, Mont. \$2.11; Mooresville, N.C. \$2.00; Belton, S. C. \$1.00; Marked Tree, Ark. \$2.50; Boswell, Pa. \$1.30; Plant City, Fla. \$3.57; Valdese, N. C. \$1.11; Cleveland, Tenn. \$11.00; Chattanooga, Tenn. \$15.09; La-coochee, Fla. \$1.13; Lancaster, Ohio, \$2.00; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 70c; Ravenna, Ky. \$1.60.

Dear student body and faculty: Due to the rush during our last week of school I failed to thank you for the love offering you gave me. I appreciate your kindness and I'm sure it was given with a heart full of love. I thank you and may God bless you every one and restore you fourfold. Remember me in prayer.—Your friend in Jesus, Dorothy Diffenderfer, 1822 7th Ave., Juniata, Pa.

STATE MEETINGS

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

Erwin, N. C., May 3-6
John L. Stephens, Overseer

MARYLAND, DELAWARE, AND DIST. OF COLUMBIA STATE CONVENTION

Easton, Md., May 9-13,
F. B. Marine, Overseer

OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Hamilton, Ohio, May 18-20
E. Haynes, Overseer

KENTUCKY STATE CONVEN- TION

Somerset, Ky., May 24-27
John C. Jernigan, Overseer

WEST VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

Salem, W. Va., May 31-June 3
H. N. Scoggins, Overseer

FLORIDA STATE CAMP MEETING

Wimauma, Fla., June 7-17
E. W. Williams, Overseer

VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

Roanoke, Va., June 8-10
I. H. Brabson, Overseer

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION

Pratt City, Ala., July 19-22
W. W. Harmon, Overseer

OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING

Maud, Okla., July 27
OKLAHOMA STATE CONVEN-
TION

Maud, Okla., Aug. 3-5
S. J. Wood, Overseer

CONVENTIONS

NORTH LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION

Friday morning, March 16th, at Forest, La., the convention opened with song service led by Sister Iredell Walker and as the congregation prayed it seemed as if heaven came down in our midst. Brother L. J. Corley, pastor at Forest, gave the welcome address. We could feel we were at home. Responses by T. J. McCartney, Brother and Sister Parker, Brother O. B. Myrick, Brother J. L. Glasscock, Sister R. H. Klaudt, and Sister J. C. Coats were enjoyed by all present. We had a sermon by Brother J. B. Cole, state overseer, which was enjoyed and inspiring to our souls. We then had a sermon by Sister Klaudt followed by one by Brother Latimer. These messages were enjoyed and they made us to see that the coming of Jesus is near and the terribleness of the tribulation.

Saturday morning as we met in our song service led by Sister Etta Rae Woodall of Texas we could still feel that God was in our midst. This sermon was enjoyed and helpful to us. A sermon by R. H. Klaudt made us to see that we should do our very best as the time is so short. Brother F. Ainsworth's sermon surely was helpful and inspiring. We had a mission program played by the Epps Y.P.E., "The Mexican Call," followed by an Indian song by two Indian sisters, also the girls' quartet, "Send Me."

Sunday was filled with many good things: Sunday School talk by Brother Cole, orphanage talk and offering. Brother Latimer brought us a sermon on "The Church of God." We had call of the churches. Six out of seven represented. Due to a serious illness the other was not able to represent. We had Evangel talks and taking of subscriptions; talks for B. T. S., a school that Louisiana loves; and Y.P.E. program by Dunn Y.P.E. Brother Latimer brought us another sermon. Thank God for Brother Latimer's messages each evening. We were made to realize it takes a closer walk with God to be able to stand in these last days. Brother Latimer, we thank God for your visit to Louisiana. You have a hearty welcome to our state any time. Time and space doesn't permit me to tell all the good things

enjoyed at this convention—quartets, solos, special music, testimonies and every good thing it seemed God has for us. Just a few more days and we can enjoy the grandeurs of heaven. Pray for Louisiana.—Amanda L. Fuller.

CANTWELL DIST. CONVENTION

Our district convention convened at the newly erected Church of God building at Leadwood, Mo., March 1st. The welcome address was given by the pastor, Brother J. B. Clark, followed by response from ministers: Raymond Orrick, Elmer Clark, Carrie Stringer, Marvin E. Porter. In the Friday morning service we were given an opportunity to praise the Lord, this service being conducted by Brother Charlie Morris. Bible questions were then answered by Brother W. J. Milligan, overseer of the State. Following this we received some good advice from our district overseer, Brother G. P. Gower. The afternoon service brought showers of blessings from heaven. A wonderful message was delivered by Brother R. E. Worley and a very touching one was delivered by Sister Sophie Merseal. The night service was spiritually good in songs and prayer. A special message to the young people was delivered by Brother G. P. Gower, followed by response from the young people. Brother F. L. Bird brought the message which was followed by an altar service.

Saturday was another good day of blessings from the Lord. The subject of "Peace" was given by Sister Effie Willes. Short talks were given by ministers: James Manes, Charlie Morris, Francis White, Isaac Sumpter, and Zeno Douglas. The subject given by Brother F. L. Bird in the afternoon was given with power. Delegates from each church were given an opportunity to represent and report their work. At the night service Sister Victoria Weible was given space to ask how we enjoyed the convention. There was a good response which showed that it was fully enjoyed. The closing message was given by the power of God thru our state overseer, Brother W. J. Milligan. An altar call followed, then handshakes and good-byes.

The Griffard Trio, Cantwell Male Quartet and many others gave us a good lift by their inspirational singing of special songs. Truly this convention was a wonderful spiritual uplift to the church and members.—Evangelist, Marvin E. Porter, Bonne Terre, Mo.

REPORT OF LAKE LAND DIST. CONVENTION

The Lakeland district convention convened at Plant City, Fla., Mar. 2-4, Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, in charge. The convention started with songs and prayers, after which Brother Williams read some appropriate Scripture. The welcome address was given by the pastor, the response by Brothers Whitner and Thomas, and we all felt at home because God was present. Then we were treated with a good sermon from Brother B. W. Watson.

Saturday morning, March 3rd, after songs and prayers Brother Williams read some Scripture. After this we had a good testimony service, which was encouraging. Brother Virgil Combs then preached for us. He did well. Saturday afternoon was given to asking and answering Bible questions. Some very timely and necessary things were discussed. Saturday night Brother Kerce spoke to us on the need of the Y. P. E. We think the young people could see the need of living for God. After this, Brother H. L. Chesser, our district pastor, preached to us. He surely did show us where we are and what we are doing. Meditation and prayer get us close to God. This was a timely message well delivered.

On Sunday morning, March 4th, the crowd kept increasing. The services opened with some good singing and praying. We had on the program short talks by the Sunday School superintendents, but only one was present, so the pastors spoke in behalf of the others. Then the offering for missions was taken and we received thirty-two dollars and seventy-eight cents. We thank the Lord for this. Brother Williams preached to us on "Fellowship." We think this the best we ever heard on this subject. Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock advice was given to deacons and counsellors by our state overseer. After this we had an ordination service. Brother Dees of Ft. Green was ordained a deacon. Then came

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DEATH NOTICES

MUSGROVES

Glenn Musgroves, little son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Musgroves, died Nov. 16, 1933 at the age of one year, five months, and sixteen days.—His Uncle Willie Tisdale, Ellisville, Miss.

FOX

Sister Mary Fox died Feb. 27, 1934 at the age of seventy-three years. She had the blessing and was a faithful member of the Church of God. The funeral was conducted by Brother J. E. Connatser, pastor of the Church of God at Lake Worth, Fla.—Mrs. W. S. Pinder.

McKINNEY

Brother P. A. McKinney, husband of Sister Bronnie McKinney, died March 24, 1934, at the age of thirty-three years. He was saved and sanctified and some believe he received the Holy Ghost just before he passed away. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and interment was made in the Salem cemetery near Thomasville, Ga.—J. A. Hipps.

EVANS

Sister Lillie Evans died March 12, 1934 at the age of twenty-eight years, nine months, and two days. She was a loyal member of the Church of God.—A sister in the church, Mrs. Bessie Abner.

DECKARD

On April 3, 1934 the dear Lord took our beloved Brother Dan Deckard. He was faithful to the Lord and the church.—J. L. Yancey, Mission, Tex.

STEIFEL

Savannah L. Steifel was born March 14, 1870 and died Feb. 24, 1934 at Boaz, Ala. She had the Holy Ghost and was a faithful member of the Church of God. Funeral was conducted by the writer assisted by Brother Driskill. Interment was made about three miles from Boaz, at Bethsada.—J. A. Brown, pastor.

KING

W. B. King of Lawrenceville, Ga. died March 27, 1934 at the age of nearly seventy-three years. Funeral was conducted by Brothers

Garner Wilkins, Watson and Lemons, also Brothers Cash and McNeal. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery.—A daughter, Omie Martin.

BRASFIELD

Sister Vader Brasfield died Feb. 13, 1934. She was a faithful member of the Church of God and died with the victory.—Brother and Sister Willie Jarvis, Sumiton, Ala.

REQUESTS

Pray for me that God will have His way with me. Pray for the unsaved of my home that God will save them before it is too late. Help me pray that we may soon have a church building here.—Mrs. Mary Spencer, Great Falls, S. C.

Pray for our revival which began April 21, that it will be a success. Pray for Sister Stillwell who has been sick for sometime, that if it is His will the Lord will heal her.—Hazel Gills, Roderfield, W. Va.

Please pray for my mother to be healed of a cold. Pray for the church at this place to rise and shine for Jesus. We need the prayers of the saints. If Brother T. L. Willix sees this, please write us.—Mrs. Hattie Crews, Rt. 2, Summit, Ga.

Pray for the healing of my father. He has been sick for nearly two weeks. Also pray for my eyes as they are very weak.—Your sister in Christ, Miss Doris King, Ringgold, Ga.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I might receive the Holy Ghost.—A brother in Christ, Fred Ward, Rt. 1, Lawton, Okla.

If any one feels called of the Lord to the New England States, you are welcome, as God needs more willing workers. Pray for me to be obedient to the Lord. I am out in the gospel work now.—(Miss) Ethel Davis, Exeter, Me.

We are expecting a revival at Washington, N. C. to be conducted by Brother C. F. Bright from Jacksonville, Fla. Pray that God will give us help.—Yours in the Lord, James Williams.

My husband is in ill health, poor

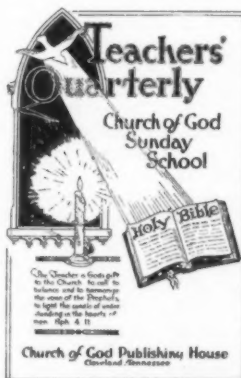
circumstances and unsaved. Pray that he will be saved before it is too late. Pray for my daughter who is graduating from high school, that she may be true to the Lord, also pray for me.—A sister of the church at Branford, Fla., Anna Belle Hillhouse, McAlpin, Fla.

Please pray for me to be healed. My head is in a bad shape. I hurt in my hands and arms, feet and legs, till I can hardly go at times and can't rest and sleep at night. Pray for my ten year old granddaughter who has kidney trouble and suffers with her back. Also a colored woman near here requests prayer that the Lord will heal her and give her strength and health. She has been sick five months. She asks that we pray till victory comes. Pray that the Lord will give us the Holy Ghost. I feel more in need this morning than ever before, so don't forget to pray.—M. A. Sanders, Kennedy, Ala.

Pray for us at Ft. Mill, S. C. that God will bless us. Pray for my husband. He is in bad health. Our pastor and church went out in the country and they want us to start a Sunday School out there so pray (Continued on page 13)

TEACHER'S QUARTERLY

The Teacher's Quarterly is now ready for shipment. We had practically doubled the amount of orders we previously had been having at the time of shipment. This proves that it is helping the teachers. One thing, it sticks to the lesson. It is



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~:~ Sunday School Lesson ~:~

LESSON 6

MAY 6

JESUS ACCLAIMED AS KING

TEXT: Matt. 21:1-14. — MEMORY VERSE: Psa. 28:7d.

TIME: Sunday and Monday of Christ's last week; probably April 2 and 3, A.D. 30.

PLACE: Jerusalem and vicinity.

GOLDEN TEXT: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.—Phil. 2:9.

LEADING THOUGHT: Jesus had a right to demand loyalty of God's people.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE

THE PASSION WEEK

V. 1. "And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem." As they traveled from Bethany. "And were come to Bethphage." The house of figs. A small village possibly located on a summit of Olivet within the bounds of Jerusalem. Perhaps two thousand cubits distant from the city walls. "Unto the Mount of Olives." Or Olivet, a hill having four peaks, 2723 feet above sea level at its highest point, east of Jerusalem and separated from it by the valley of Kedron. "Then sent Jesus two disciples." Possibly Peter and John. They were perhaps the oldest and youngest of the twelve.

V. 2. "Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you." "The Jericho road towards Jerusalem sweeps around a gorge across which is a footpath going steeply down and up." Perhaps Christ and His disciples traveled the highway while the two going for the colt took the short cut to Bethphage rejoining Christ and the other disciples again near Jerusalem. "And straightway ye shall find an ass tied." Which according to Mark was found at the entrance of the street. "And a colt with her." Jerome states a mystical reason. The ass represents the Jewish people which had long broken the yoke of the law. The colt adumbrates the Gentiles as yet unbroken whereon never man sat. He used the figure to represent Jew and Gentile who are commanded through His apostles to be brought unto Him. His knowledge of the whereabouts of the ass and the colt proves His divinity omniscience. "Loose them, and bring them unto me." The command suggests His absolute authority over the entire creation.

V. 3. "If any man say ought unto you." Christ expected it and it did so happen, as the bystanders questioned the appropriation of the two animals. "Ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them." Possibly the owner of the animals was a disciple and acknowledged the claims of Jesus. If otherwise, he conceded the divine appropriation over them. "And straightway he will send them." All for which Christ asks must be yielded without question and we shall receive from Him due restoration.

V. 4. "All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet." The language here denotes the

purpose of the colt was for the fulfillment of prophecy. The prophecies must needs be fulfilled to furnish proper identification of Christ to which they refer. Zech. 9:9. Possibly connected with Isa. 62:11.

OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF THE KING

V. 5. "Saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion." Zion was so named because of its high, sunny altitude, a reference to Jerusalem itself. The daughter of Zion refers to the inhabitants. "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee." A king of their own race and not a stranger. Zion was the part of Jerusalem where David and all the kings that had followed him lived. The city and inhabitants are both in reference, however, Christ was not only King of the Jews but ultimately King of the whole world, Isa. 9:6, Rev. 19:16. "Meek, and sitting upon an ass." In so doing He came as a King. Such was an Old Testament custom of honored rulers, Judges 5:10; 10:4; 1 Kings 1:38. Christ would not mount a war horse which denoted that the leader was a worldly potentate and leader of earthly armies. "And a colt, the foal of an ass." Some think the colt was an emblem of the meekness of Christ. It is evident that the mother of the colt followed and doubtless kept close to its foal. (Lange has pictured the "old theocracy running idly and instinctively by the side of the young church which has become the true bearer of the divinity of Christ.") Thus he pictures the ass and the colt as Jew and Gentile brought to Christ through His death and over which He will eventually reign as King. No other king had ever come to Jerusalem in such a manner. Such circumstances were predicted of Messiah alone and Christ fulfilled them to the letter.

V. 6. "And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them." They obeyed the order given by Christ not knowing the portent of its significance or how it fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.

V. 7. "And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes." A reference is to their heavy outer garments, abbas or buernooses. Garments were placed on both beasts as they did not know on which their Master intended to ride. "And they set him thereon." Thus the procession of which the prophet

sang a thousand years before was fulfilled.

V. 8. "And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way." Making a royal carpet for the progress of the King by stripping off their outer robes as the two disciples had done. Such honors were often paid to great men and are said to be still practised on state occasions. "Others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way." These were branches from the palm trees, John 12:13. Some extended special honor unto Him by waving branches in the air. This is perhaps the origin of Palm Sunday, Sunday before Easter, now known throughout the Christian churches.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

V. 9. "And the multitudes that went before, and that followed." There were two separate bodies which made up the escort according to John 12:18. The people were greatly excited by the raising of Lazarus from the dead, who when they heard that Jesus was in their neighborhood, hurried from Jerusalem to do Him honor. "Cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David." Hosanna is a compound of two words meaning "save" and "now," or "I pray," probably uttered by the people as a derivative from Psalm 118, which formed part of the great praise sung at the feast of tabernacles. Hosanna was originally a formula of prayer and supplication but later became a term of joy and congratulation. "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." An invocation of the blessing upon the coming One, that is Messiah, chap. 11:3; Rev. 1:8, "Hosanna in the highest." See Luke 2:14, an appeal to Jehovah to ratify in heaven the blessings they were invoking in the earth. Christ accepted all this homage, bearing the title Messiah as His proper due, through openly asserting His claims as such and by His acquiescence encouraging the excitement.

V. 10. "And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?" Previously He had questioned His disciples concerning His identity, but now the people were shaken as by an earthquake and inquiring, "Who is this?" It was near the time of the Passover.

V. 11. "And the multitude said, This is Jesus the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." It was the people who had taken part in the procession who stated that He was Jesus of Nazareth. He was not universally recognized as being the great Prophet. Jesus of Nazareth was King of the Jews. Jerusalem was the city of the great King. Thus it was the ultimate goal of His earthly life where by His death He purchased to Him all sovereign rights.

THE TEMPLE CLEANSED

V. 12. "And Jesus went into the temple of God." It was possibly Monday of the Holy Week, the day following the triumphal entry. Compare Mark 11:12; Luke 19:45. "And cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple." The court of the Gentiles had become a kind of city market where things necessary for sacrifice were sold: animals, oil, and wine.

The common wrangle of the people buying and selling, the lowing of the cattle, and the bleating of the sheep was unsuited for God's sacred temple. "And overthrew the tables of the moneychangers." These persons exchanged foreign money or other coins at a percentage of interest for the half shekel demanded from all adults for the service of the temple. "The seats of them that sold doves." Doves were used as offerings by the poor who could not afford the costlier victims, see Lev. 4:6; 14:22; Luke 2:24. These were often sold by women.

V. 13. "And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer." From Isa. 56:7; Jer. 7:11. The high design and purpose of the temple had been corrupted by vile and profane persons who through greed had subjected it to pollution. "But ye have made it a den of thieves." These traffickers had turned the hallowed courts into a storage room where robbers through exorbitant prices stored their ill-gotten plunder. Christ vindicated the sanctity of God's house according to prophecy of Mal. 3:1-3. "He suddenly came to the temple and purified it." Those who corrupt or profane what is dedicated unto God are certain to receive loss and punishment.

V. 14. "And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them." Christ as King first purified the palace as if to take His seat therein and of His royal bounty distribute gifts to the people by healing them and meeting their needs. It was a fulfillment of Isa. 35:4 where the following verses describe what took place in the temple.

REQUESTS

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that God will bless.—A sister, Adie Black, clerk.

Pray that my family will be unbroken around the great throne of God. I have a husband, three children, and brothers and sisters unsaved. Help me hold them up to God in prayer. Pray for me as I haven't been well for sometime but I am waiting on the Lord to heal me. I had a nervous breakdown and then took the flu and it settled on my brains. The doctor said I couldn't live but we are not in man's hands. Pray for my boy whose mind is affected from pellagra. I know the Lord can heal us both.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Gussie Davis, Greenwood, S. C.

I have a boy thirteen years old who has bone cataracts on each eye. The doctors say nothing but an operation will do him any good but I know Jesus has all power so I ask every child of God to pray for him. He had convulsions till he

was about five years old and Brother Rouse prayed for him and God healed him. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever and is able now to give him complete sight. Pray for him and for the work here.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Evelyn Morgan, Biltmore, N. C.

I wish every one would remember me in your prayers for the healing of my body. I am a mother of three children and I am in a sanitarium away from my children. The Lord has touched my body though I still cough. I believe if I will keep holding on to Jesus He will completely heal me. Pray that I will hold up my Savior in this place for so many in here need to know my blessed Savior. Don't for-

get to pray for me.—A sister in the Lord, Bessie Saxon, Akron, O.

We are having a hard pull in Mission, Tex. so I ask all to have a special prayer for us. We have been having good meetings here. Pray for God to undertake for us. Your brother in Jesus, Edd Yancey, Mission, Tex.

I have just received a letter that my father is very sick. I want the Church of God people to pray that he will be healed.—Mrs. L. H. Crisp, Old Fort, N. C.

We are in a revival here and the devil is working hard against us. We want all to pray for us. Pray for the town of Central and for the church.—Your brother in Christ,

Evangel Rally

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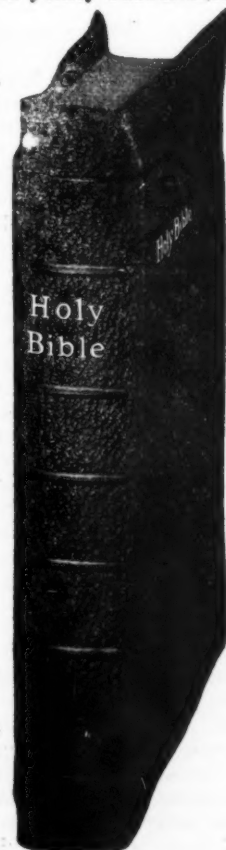
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J. W. Hannah, Central, S. C.

Please pray for me as I have a bad hand. Pray that God will heal it. Also pray for a sister in the hospital as she is in a bad condition.—Your sister in the Church of God, Myrtle Cope, Early, S. C.

Pray for me as I am suffering in body; also pray for my niece who is in a serious condition.—A sister, Louisa Porter, Early, S. C.

We ask all the saints to pray for the revival at Eastside church, Detroit, Mich. God is blessing, the altar was full last night. We have been here only a few days and nine have been saved, six sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and four united with the church. Pray that God will bring the church to where He wants it. This church was just turned over to the state overseer, Brother D. G. Phillips, a few months ago.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Orion L. Alewine and wife.

Dear saints, please pray for my son who has gone back in sin, also pray for my husband to be saved.—A sister, Heyworth, Ill.

Please pray for me that I may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and have more faith. Please don't forget to pray for me.—Mrs. F. E. Pyan, Winding Gulf, W. Va.

Dear saints of God everywhere, please pray for the healing of my husband. He got his neck broken five weeks ago and is paralyzed. He can only move his head a little and the muscles of his arms. His neck has grown back but the doctors say it has grown wrong and is pinching his spinal cord and there is nothing they can do for him. Please don't forget to pray for his healing. We know that God can heal him. Pray for all of us. We will be glad to receive encouraging letters.—Mrs. Johnnie Bass, Rt. 2, Tillatobia, Miss., in care of Cora Ingram.

We have service Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night at our church and I feel that the Lord has heard our prayers and blessed us though we are few in number. Please help us pray that God will provide a way that we may get a brother here who has promised to come and help us. Pray for my lost

sister, brothers, and father. The doctor says my father has a cancer. Please don't forget to pray for us.—Lola Kemp, Rt. 1, Louisville, Miss.

Please pray much for the meeting at Stanley, Ark. Thirty-one have been saved and five filled with the Holy Ghost here this year. This is a hard place.—Lee and Lucy Green.

Saints, pray that the Lord will remove a skin humor from my face and hands. Also pray that I will be an overcomer of all things. I really need your prayers.—One who loves the Lord and His children, Mrs. J. H. Arline.

Please pray for me as I am in bad health.—Mrs. Roxie C. Martin, Jayess, Miss.

Pray for me that God will completely heal my body. I have been afflicted for three years and the Lord often touches my body but I haven't been completely healed. I am still fully trusting God.—W. Jarvis, Sumiton, Ala.

Dear saints, pray for my mother who is left alone as father died March 27. Pray for her to be healed. Also pray for my husband and two brothers to be saved. Pray that sister and I will hold out true to God. Would like to hear from Brother and Sister L. L. Waters.—Omie Martin, Rt. 1, Lawrenceville, Ga.

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my little five year old boy. He has been sick since last September. I know God can heal for He healed me of epileptic fits about eight years ago. We had our little boy under the doctors and in the hospital for nearly eight weeks and he is still sick, so everybody pray for him.—A sister who believes in prayer, Mrs. Hazel Sharp.

NOTICES

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that day. You who haven't yet paid your 40c on the general indebtedness at Headquarters, be sure and come with it by that time. Many have already paid in so please come with yours that day, if you cannot pay it before then. Yes, we will have all day service and dinner on the ground. Our dis-

trict overseer will probably be with us, also we will expect our neighboring churches to come and be with us that day.—Luther A. Richard, pastor, Sparta, Tenn.

The church at Offerman, Ga. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: E. Westberry, Walter Dean, Mrs. Dessie Dean, L. Z. Sangster. If not heard from soon their names will be dropped from the roll. By order of the pastor, J. L. Sinclair, clerk.

The Church of God at Forest, La. will have all day service on Mother's Day, May 13. We will have dinner on the ground. All churches in North Louisiana are especially invited to come and bring a well filled basket and an offering for the orphans.—Luther J. Corley, pastor, Oak Grove, La., Star Rt.

There will be an all day service at the Church of God at Dayton, Tenn., May 13, the second Sunday in May. All churches in the district are expected to be present. Every one is invited. We are expecting a good time in the Lord. We expect the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to be present. Those who are members here and live away, we are expecting you to come and be with us, but if you can't come, please send in your 40c as was passed in the Assembly, to lift the indebtedness of the Church. Come on, members; let's go over the top. Some have paid and we are expecting you to do the same. We are expecting to see you the second Sunday, or hear from you.—H. K. Keith, Pikeville, Tenn.

The Haynes district convention will convene May 11-13 at the Church of God, 101 Garland St., West Helena, Ark. with Brother L. G. Rouse, our state overseer, in charge. We are expecting all our churches in this district to be represented. We also invite all who can to come and enjoy these services with us. Bring a well filled basket for a spread dinner Sunday, the 13th.—Yours in Christ, J. B. Lindley, district overseer.

The Kentucky state convention will convene at Somerset, Ky., May 24-27. S. W. Latimer, J. H. Walker, B. T. S. Quartet, and Louisville brass band are to be

present.—John C. Jernigan, state overseer.

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The Mother's Day issue of the Lighted Pathway is just off the press. You will miss something good if you miss this one. There is plenty of material for a Mother's Day program throughout the paper. Don't forget that we are looking for Gideons to help us carry on our work. "A Lighted Pathway Gideon" is one who promises to send \$1.00 or more each month from your Y. P. E. for a roll of papers to sell among your young people, or at least one subscription each month. Price, roll of twelve papers \$1.00; subscription \$1.00 per year. Order from Alda B. Harrison, 504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn.

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I am in a revival at Willston and ask the prayers of all that we may have a successful meeting. We have rented the Armory and the seating capacity is 1200 people, so pray that we will have a hearing and many will be saved. Those in my district wishing to write me, address me at Willston, N. Dak.—Your brother, Paul H. Walker.

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The Church of God at Cherokee Falls, S. C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Mr. Paul Shackelford, and Mrs. Mae-bell Painter. If they are not heard from by our next quarterly conference, which will convene in July, their names will be dropped from the church record.—Horace Lee Taylor, clerk, Cherokee Falls, S. C.

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CHANGE IN LOCATION OF OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Owing to some conditions that have developed recently, which were unavoidable, it makes it necessary to change the location of the state convention from Middletown to Hamilton, Ohio, which will convene May 17-20 at the Church of God tabernacle, corner 7th and Chestnut Sts. Free entertainment will be given only to ministers and their wives. Brother Latimer, our General Overseer, will be with us at this time, D. V. We are expecting a great time in the Lord.—E. Haynes, state overseer.

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I have a practically new 30x50 feet gospel tent that I will sell for

about half price.—Faithfully yours, L. P. Shaw, 506 Wall St., Calhoun, Ga.

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On Saturday night before the first Sunday in May there will be conference held at the Church of God at Erwin Hill, Ga. and we request that every member be present as there will be matters of importance brought up at this time.—Faithfully yours, Rev. L. P. Shaw, district pastor, Calhoun, Ga.

REPORT OF LAKE LAND DIST. CONVENTION

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the time for the churches to report. The pastors told of how God has been blessing, and another good bit of news was that all the churches except Plant City had paid up their general indebtedness. These reports were interesting and we are coming with our quota at Plant City. Brother Williams gave us time to testify again and some real good testimonies were given. Everybody seemed to enjoy the convention. We had dinner on the ground Sunday and all ate dinner together. Brother Williams preached Sunday night and as in all the services of the convention God's power was present in a great way. Space will not permit us to write all the good things, but we think this the best convention the Lakeland district has ever been blessed with. We are encouraged. Jesus is proving Himself real to those that love Him, and He is coming soon. We shall not soon get away from the good things we saw, heard and learned in this convention. We are looking forward and praying for the greatest camp meeting we have ever had.—J. M. Baldree, Reporter.

RANGER, TEX. DISTRICT CONVENTION

In spite of the rain and cold weather on Friday night at the opening of our convention there was a nice crowd gathered for a feast with the Lord. Our dear Brother J. C. Coats, overseer, was in charge. The Lord met with us in the first service. The welcome address was given by the writer with response by Sisters Baker and Wilson which was followed by a testimony service. After this we had a good sermon by Brother Lee Baker which was enjoyed by all.

We had good singing.

Saturday morning service opened with songs and prayer. We had a nice crowd and enjoyed a good Bible study. We also had Bible study Saturday afternoon. Many good points were brought out. Saturday night we had good singing, music and testimonies. A good sermon was given by Brother Blackwood of Weatherford. The Lord blessed in giving out the message.

Sunday morning we had talks on Bible School, Y. P. E. and missions. Good sermons were given by some of the preachers which were enjoyed very much. We had a nice dinner spread at noon. After noon we had representation of the churches which were as follows: Desdemona, Graham, Ranger and Strawn. A short talk on Sunday School was given by the writer. At the night service we had more good music, singing, and testimonies. The Lord blessed at the close of the convention with a good message which was enjoyed by all. The Lord blessed in every service. Pray for the work in this district.—J. C. Atkins, district overseer.

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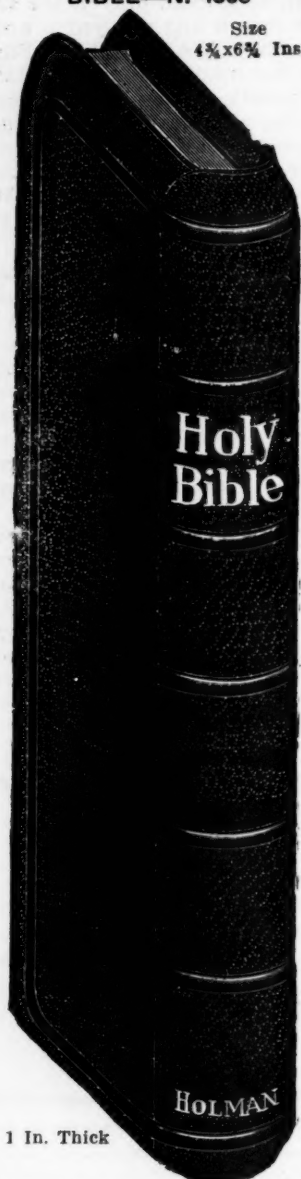
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